(b) if so, by when the recommendations of this task force are likely to come out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Government has constituted a Task Force to aid and advise the Central Government in the establishment of the proposed National Commission on Higher Education and Research (NCHER) and to evolve a National Testing Scheme. Its report is awaited.

Conducting of CAT

†3337. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYANA PANY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that owing to large scale brain drain the country is devoid of qualitative talent;

(b) whether it is a fact that the organizers of CAT examination, which is conducted for the entrance in management education in the country, have failed in organizing it successfully;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the details thereof;

(e) whether any arrangement has been made to train rural candidates before they appear in this online exam; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) In the present scenario of globalization and liberalization, the movement of engineers, technocrats and other talented persons across the national boundaries for study and employment is not only inevitable but in many cases could give positive benefits to the country.

(b) to (d) There were a few technical glitches in the conduct of CAT 2009. However, most of the candidates who got affected by the disruptions have been rescheduled and all candidates are being given the opportunity to take the test.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Professors and lecturers for new IITs

3338. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has focused on the difficulty in finding top level professors and lecturers in the newly created IITs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development is the nodal agency for Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), The IITs are autonomous institutions and recruitment of faculty is done by them as per their respective Statutes / Memoranda and not by the Government. Each new IIT has been sanctioned 30 faculty posts every year for the first three years of its existence. The mentoring IITs are also sending their faculty to the new institutes. Meanwhile, various initiatives are being taken by the new IITs to attract quality faculty which include recruitment from abroad, providing good residential accommodations, medical facilities, initial research grants, financial support for participation in national / inter-national conferences, suitable schemes for sharing of consultancy charges, etc.

Proposals for opening new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh

3339. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government considers to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the time by when these Kendriya Vidyalayas are likely to be functional;

(d) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for opening up of new Kendriya Vidyalayas in District Kangra and District Bilaspur; and

(e) if so, the action Government has taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Planning Commission have supported in principle a proposal for opening of 200 Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) during the 11th Plan at various locations including metro cities, areas having sufficient concentration of defence or para-military forces and areas with high concentration of Central Government personnel. The exact locations of the Vidyalayas are decided based on the local demand and the viability of the individual proposals.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received from State Government of Himachal Pradesh for opening of a new Kendriya Vidyalaya at Gumarwin of District Bilaspur. There are some deficiencies in the proposal, with reference to the prescribed norms for new Kendriya Vidyalayas and these have been communicated to the State Government.

Interest subsidy on educational loans

3340. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: